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## PROTECT THE MINERS'

With the reports of other mine disasters still ringing in the public ear the coal mine explosion last week, at Birmingham, was broadcasted over the country. In this last disaster sixty-one men were entombed and rescued only after miraculous escape from poisonous gas with which it was believed, for a time, the mine was filled. The suspense for the families, relatives and friends was equalled only by that of the miners themselves.

That more effective measures providing against probable death from explosion, suffocation or starvation in case of explosions or shut-offs are not required by law is inexcusable. Tube connections with the area in which the miners work and the outside surface from which air and even food and water could be sent in are possible.

Coal dust explosions, common sources of disaster and death, can be prevented easily and at slight cost. Rock dust can be employed for this purpose. The method of application is by sprinkling the underground working space with it. In addition to the safety to human life this preventive safeguards property also. There are now over one hundred coal companies taking advantage of this means of safety insurance. And several of the casualty insurance companies have reduced their insurance rates for those mines taking this precaution.

About a year ago there was an explosion at Castle Gate, Utah, in which there were 172 miners killed. Utah speedily enacted legislation which requires that all mines within her borders shall be rock dusted. This year three additional states, Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Wyoming followed with laws providing for sprinkling similarly in the bituminous mines.

In England where rock dusting is required by law disasters due to coal dust explosions have been eliminated. The cost of dusting is one cent for each ton of coal mined. Contrast this cost with the cost of the dust explosions in 1924 during which four hundred and fifty-nine lives were snuffed out and more hundreds of widows and children deprived of bread winners. Public relief runs high. The property loss due to the Castle Gate disaster alone was more than \$1,000,000. But human life is worth more than all the mines.

Mine owners and operators should provide safety measures as suggested here for their employees. And for those who will not take these precautions there should be legislation requiring these measures be taken. To allow human life to be held in jeopardy in the mines is no less than criminal. It should be made so by law and those who disobey the law punished for their crimes.

## The Arizona Sheriff

Tales of his adventures, his courage, his humor, his keen intelligence—as collected by Major Grover F. Seaton, "The Deputy from Yavapai County." How with nimble gun and motor car he brags swift and sure justice to outlaws.



### THE "SOFT" SHERIFF

Cowpunchers, both of these fellows, for twenty years, when there were tough guys on the ranges, now no foolin'.

Each carries a pistol with a barrel into which, it would seem, a prairie dog could crawl. One bad man or twenty—it makes no difference to them; either one will bust right into a gambling hall whenever one ventures to open and clean out the place.

Yet Sheriff H. L. Butler of Apache county, longest in American and Tom Jones, his deputy, were worried most terrible. And what would one suppose had thus worried these officers of this big Arizona county?

Five boys, caught stealing and buying stolen goods taken from ranches and homes in the quiet, peaceful little Mormon city of St. Johns, capital of the county; Great little town, St. Johns. Wonderful young people. They have more beautiful girls in St. Johns to the square foot than in any other city in Arizona. There's Maude Isaacson, who, only 17, runs the B-Zona hotel right up to snuff; and the two Patterson girls and their extremely pretty little chum of the bobbed hair and pink dress who can dance like a butterfly and, oh, the little town is full of them.

And strapping fine boys, too—can rope a steer, brand a calf, shoot like a circus performer, expert in irrigation—great young people. St. Johns has lost one or both parents, and with no parental guidance, got into trouble. And how happy was Sheriff Butler when the mother of the last one sent for him to come to her in Los Angeles.

Kinda soft, isn't he, for an Arizona sheriff? Well, let's see. Remember when Oily Thompson got into a row with Will Wright over that girl down at McNary, and shot Wright dead? It was a day later that Sheriff Butler heard of it and pointed the nose of his Studebaker down the mesa toward Springville to get Oily.

Thompson was 72 miles away by road, 52 in a straight line. That means tortuous climbs up 15 per cent grades and twisting turns down 20 per cent grades, in and out of mountain passes. Yet in two hours Butler was there. The Studebaker did it.

He learned where Thompson was. The slayer had on and about him three 45-caliber revolvers, a 30-30 high powered rifle, and three knives. And he said he was waiting for the sheriff.

Butler drove right up to where Thompson was waiting, stopped his car, put on the parking brake and turned off the ignition. He adjusted his gold-bowed spectacles and started out of the car.

Thompson rustled with weapons like dry cornstalks in the wind. But somehow, when the sheriff was completely out of the car, his hand rested right on the hilt of his own .45 six-shooter and he began to laugh. This disconcerted Thompson, and the arrest was all over.

Thompson claimed he shot in self defense, and his trial will be held toward winter. "What made you laugh when you looked into Thompson's young

## SOME SUNDAY SERMONS FROM SALEM PULPITS

Evangelist Silvers Preaches at Court Street Christian Church; Rev. N. K. Tully's Topic "Rescue of Souls."

Sermon delivered by Evangelist Silvers at Court Street Christian church Sunday night:

"Why are there so many churches? Suppose we were lost on an island, like Robinson Crusoe, and we did not know anything about a church. One day, while walking on the beach a Bible was discovered, and we began to study it.

"We could not preach anything but what was found in the Bible, and if we followed the Book, we could build a Church of Christ, and call ourselves Christians, for that is what the Book teaches.

"If we could do that on an island, why not in America? The Bible tells us that Christ built His church, Matt. 16:18; therefore it is His church. Luke 24, 47-49, tells us it was to begin in Jerusalem, and Paul says in First Cor.: 'For other foundation can no man lay than that which is already laid, which is Jesus Christ.' Col. 1:18 tells us that Christ is the head of His church. As we follow the New Testament we find that each church had a plurality of elders and deacons, but as man got away from the plain teaching of the Bible we find in history that there were soon a plurality of churches with one elder.

"Roman Catholicism was born in Rome, and for 1100 years it held sway. Then Luther broke with the Church of Rome, and the Reformation set in. Other reformers came out protesting against Rome.

"Many churches were born in such a way, thus we have many denominational churches, with human creeds, human names and human tests of fellowship. Jerome O'Kelly from the Methodist; Abner Jones from the Baptists; Thomas and Alexander Campbell from the Presbyterian, and many other grew tired of divisions and earnestly studied the Scriptures, and broke away from denominationalism, and said as the Lord prayed for the unity of His people, they were going to work for it.

"They took for their slogan, 'Where the Bible speaks, we speak; and where the Bible is silent, we will be silent.' This was the restoration movement that started over 100 years ago. They went back to Christ for commands and forward with Christ in Christian service. This movement grew until it is near the two million mark. We know that this movement is right for it is scriptural. Our religion must have a standard, and that is the Word of God; and it must have author-

ity, and that authority is Christ. It will take a united church to have a believing world. Christ prayed that his people be one, and we are working to answer that prayer.

### "The Rescue of Souls"

On some have mercy, who are in doubt; and some save, snatching them out of the fire; and on some have mercy with fear; hating even the garment spotted by the flesh." This is a wonderful passage, difficult to translate, but full of urgency for the welfare of souls, said Rev. Dr. Norman K. Tully, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, Sunday night.

It points out a danger common to all, namely, that the soul may become lost. This is implied in the coming of the Saviour. The conclusion is clear: if mankind were not in a lost condition Christ need not have come.

In the second place, our passage calls attention to our common duty, the rescue of souls. There is no more important work than to influence an immortal soul. Men are not alike. Some are to be dealt with by persuasion and gentle entreaty. The loving-kindness of God melts them. Others are stubborn in their evil. They require to be rebuked sharply and sometimes denounced severely. Like Elijah dared Ahab and defied Jezebel, and Jesus blustered the Pharisees in the 23rd chapter of Matthew. Sin is so terrible a destruction that the rescuer must be earnest enough to use every effective means.

Finally, Jude emphasizes the two common motives which impel to the rescue of souls. The first is the love of God, which moved Him to give His Son to die that men might live, and constrains the saved man to lend a hand to his struggling brother. The second motive is the terrible consequences of sin. It is appointed unto all men once to die, and after that the judgment. According to the light we have and the opportunities which we have enjoyed to get more light we stand or fall. Character tends to become fixed. "As the tree falleth there shall it lie." Men and women, prepare to meet your God, remembering that "whoso withstandeth souls is wise."

### The First Commandment

Following is the text of Rev. N. K. Tully, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, for last Sunday evening's sermon:

"Thou shalt have no other gods before me." So runs the first commandment handed down from Sinai. The fact that it heads the list would indicate that it is the most important of the ten, and, when we compare it with the other nine, this impression is confirmed. However, in a matter of such importance it is well to have the support of the best authority we can get. In this case we have the support of One who spake as

never man spake. In the 22nd chapter of Matthew, beginning at the 34th verse, we find the question asked and answered. A lawyer asked Jesus, "Which is the great commandment in the law?" In reply Jesus summarized all the commandments relating to our duties towards God, and replied, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, with all thy mind, with all thy soul, and with all thy strength." Then he condensed all the other commandments which have to do with our conduct towards one another into this statement, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." He ended by saying that these two are the first and the second commandments.

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## Exercising Judgement in the Expenditure of Money

It does not matter whether you earn two dollars a day or two hundred if you spend all you receive. The ultimate result is the same.

It does not matter care, but it makes a big difference to you what amount you decide to set aside that determines the future of you and yours.

We do not assume the right to dictate what you should set aside and save, but—

Those who gather nothing in youth will have the same amount in old age.

*David J. Jones*  
 President.

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### Bits For Breakfast

You cannot buy 'em early—

But you should buy 'em as early as you can—

And remember that there will be no delivery of mail, on either city or rural routes, in any part of the United States, on Christmas day.

More flax and linen men headed this way. They cannot come too fast. The industry will not be over done until long after we turn out a hundred million dollars a year in flax products, which can be done right here, with all the raw product grown in the Salem district.

The Elsinore theater and YMCA buildings are getting along towards completion—and they both show up in a way that makes Salem proud.

If John Quinland, the chief engineer of the Oregon penitentiary, has discovered a way to artificially dry retted flax straw and retain the "life" of the fiber, he has made the greatest advance yet towards the time when the institution will become self supporting.

The Bits for Breakfast man believes that the time will be here soon when the penitentiary flax plant will spin yarn, and that this will be as far as manufacturing flax products should be carried there.

The football coach of the Uni-

versity of Oregon is to receive \$8500 a year, besides having a lot of well paid assistants. Which is carrying a joke too far. It would be a good thing for the universities and colleges of the United States if football as it is played now were done away with. What they need is physical development that will develop the whole student body, and not over develop and cripple a select few.

## DINNER STORIES

The officers' mess was discussing rifle shooting. "I'll bet anyone here," said one young lieutenant, "that I can fire twenty shots at two hundred yards and call each shot correctly without waiting for the marker. I'll stake a box of cigars that I can."

"Done," cried a major. The whole mess was on hand early next morning to see the experiment tried.

The lieutenant fired. "Miss," he calmly announced. A second shot. "Miss," he repeated. A third shot. "Miss."

"Here, there! Hold on!" protested the major. "What are you trying to do? You're not shooting for the target at all."

"Of course not," admitted the lieutenant. "I'm firing for those cigars." And he got them.

**HOOP TEAM LEAVES**  
 HOZEMAN, Mont., Dec. 15.—The Montana State college basketball team left here tonight on a barnstorming trip that will take it through the northwest and down the Pacific coast during the Christmas holidays.

December 16, 1925  
 WHO SHALL ENTER?—Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Matthew 7:21.

## MORE PENITENTIARY INDUSTRIES

The revolving fund law establishing and regulating the industries at the Oregon penitentiary contemplates that there shall be carried on a number of lines—

To the end that employment may be provided for all men able to work—

To the end that the institution may be made self supporting—

With a long train of benefits, including a high percentage of reformation; of cases of salvage of human wreckage. There should be established, as soon as possible, some additional industries there, and in fact several new lines are now contemplated, including perhaps a tannery to make leather for making shoes, etc., and perhaps a considerable extension of the shoemaking industry already there; more tailoring, etc., etc.

Considerable headway may be made in these without waiting for further accumulations, or for appropriations. There are to be also additional activities in dairying, swine and poultry breeding, and other farm lines, which also will come about without waiting for additional inside or outside help.

But there are some lines that, if they are to be established soon, will take legislative help. For instance, the making of automobile numbers. A machine for doing this work is expensive; but it can be made to pay for itself the first year, and it requires only a few men to operate it. The Washington numbers are made at the Walla Walla penitentiary.

Here is an investment that ought not to be delayed—ought to have been made before this—must not be allowed to be put off.

Under the working of the revolving fund law, if no one throws a monkey wrench into the machinery, the Oregon penitentiary will finally become self supporting—

But the consummation can be hurried by the help of an understanding public; and it should be hurried. It is good business and good humanity.

## WHAT ARE WE HERE FOR?

A long time ago William Ellery Channing wrote: "Work we all must, if we mean to bring out and perfect our nature.

"Even if we do not work with the hands, we must undergo equivalent toil in some other direction.

"No business or study which does not present obstacles, tasking to the full the intellect and the will, is worthy of a man."

"The uses of toil reach beyond the present world. "The capacity of steady, earnest labor is, I apprehend, one of our great preparations for another state of being."

And now H. Gordon Selfridge, the American who revolutionized retail merchandising in England by making our type of department-store a success in London, tells us that a man can't be happy without knowing the immense joy of work.

"Work!" he exclaims. "Good gracious! What else are we here for? ... The greatest crime any man can be capable of is laziness."

In any dependable complication of the elements of success, JOY OF WORK must be placed first.

Next, perhaps, comes what is usually known as COOL JUDGMENT.

We all know that ENERGY is essential. And no less important is the god-like quality of IMAGINATION.

And to these might be added DISSATISFACTION. A man is no longer of any value to the world when, satisfied he sits back in his chair and thinks that there is nothing else to be accomplished or improved in this world.

Wisely is it observed, "We must realize that the old teaching, that what was good enough for our grandfathers is good enough for us, is not true. Nothing can be too good for us. There is always the chance to progress, always the chance of doing things better."

PERFECTION is one of the things man never attains.

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